

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up)

Mysore Supplement in "Blitz"

Q.—149. Sri N. C. NAGAI AH REDDY (Goribidnur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for getting published "Mysore Supplement" in *Blitz*, a Bombay Weekly, in last August 1953;

(b) the amount paid by Government for the publication of such a supplement;

(c) the amount paid by Government Industrial Concerns and Government aided Industrial Concerns;

(d) the names and qualifications of officers who wrote the articles in *Blitz* Supplement;

(e) the items of Government advertisements and the advertisement on behalf of Government-aided Industrial Concerns and the money paid for such advertisements;

(f) the rate per column inch paid for such advertisements;

(g) whether they have stated in August 1953 that the advertisement charges paid to 'Blitz' up to June 1953 amounted to Rs. 3,526-12-0 and for Mysore supplement amounted to Rs. 2,725;

(h) whether they have issued a Press Note in this behalf subsequent to August; if so, what is the amount mentioned in the Press Note?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) The Mysore Supplement of 'Blitz' was not got published by Government. It was brought out by the paper on its own initiative.

(b) No amount was paid by Government for the publication of the Supplement as such.

(c) *The Government industrial concerns also did not pay any amount for bringing out the Supplement except what was paid for their advertisements.

(d) No officer of Government wrote any article for the Special Supplement of 'Blitz.'

(e) *Advertisements of Government and Government-owned industrial concerns given to the Special Supplement of the 'Blitz' and the money paid are as follows:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Mysore Sandal Soap ...	412	8	0
Mysore Sandal Oil ...	318	12	0
Government Electric Factory ...	150	0	0
Mysore Implements Factory ...	125	0	0
Mysore Government Insurance ...	150	0	0
Mysore Government Silk Factory ...	250	0	0
Government Porce-lain Factory ...	137	8	0
Sri Chamarajendra Technical Institute ...	93	12	0
Mysore Iron and Steel Works ...	337	8	0
Tourist Attraction in Mysore ...	650	0	0
Total ...	2,625	0	0

The amount of advertisement released to the Special Supplement was Rs. 2,725 but on account of the publication of certain advertisements in less than the authorised space, the amount actually paid was Rs. 2,625.

(f) Rs. 12-8 0 per single column inch.

(g) Yes.

(h) Yes. The total value of Government advertisements booked in the Special Number of the 'Blitz' was mentioned in the Press Note as Rs. 2,725. This Press Note was issued prior to the actual payment of the bill.

*Government-aided industrial concerns are private limited companies and their advertisements, etc., are handled independently and direct by them. Government have no information regarding the advertisements they release to the papers or the amounts they pay them.

Pupil Midwives in the Lady Curzon Hospital.

Q.—222. Sri SYDNEY A. THOMAS (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was need to recruit pupil midwives in the Lady Curzon Hospital in June 1953 ;

(b) the number recruited ;

(c) whether official sanction was obtained for this recruitment ; if not, why ;

(d) the reasons for withholding the stipends, allowances, etc., of these nurses from June to December 1953 ?

A.—Sri T CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) One.

(c) Sanction was accorded by the Director of Medical Services.

(d) The matter was under correspondence.

Offtakes from Bangalore Food Depots.

Q.—323. Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the present stock of food in several godowns in the City of Bangalore (comparative figures of the last three years be given) ;

(i) the quantity of food consumed through several fair price depots after the decontrol of food in Bangalore City (monthly comparative figures of the last three years may be given) ;

(c) whether any loss has been incurred by the Government on the supply of food after the removal of statutory rationing ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) 8th January 1954.

		Pallas.
Rice	...	33,920
Ragi	...	1,758
Jola	...	23,413
Wheat	...	14,737
Wheat products.	...	38

Total ... 73,866

8th January 1953.

		Pallas.
Rice	...	33,022
Ragi	...	23,611
Jola	...	61
Wheat	...	48,812
Wheat products	...	6,702

Total ... 1,12,208

8th January 1952.

		Pallas.
Rice	...	27,294
Ragi	...	31,750
Jola	...	146
Wheat	...	42,308
Wheat products	...	4,025

Total ... 1,05,523

(b) Statement appended below.

(c) No.

Comparative statement showing the offtakes of Foodgrains from May to December 1951-52-53 in Bangalore City.

Year	May			June		
	Rice	Wheat	Milletts	Rice	Wheat	Milletts
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1951	28,878	14,035	11,185	29,323	14,507	11,534
1952	29,850	15,486	12,965	27,436	16,118	11,623
1953	21,252	11,935	12,014	22,723	10,962	14,700